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Dear Charlie,

Glad to get you card - and Jamie's - and sorry not to note another name, as by now I'd expected. I sincerely hope it is not that of which I am aware and you may not recall that I am.

Please tell Jamie I ask for her. In fact, rapidly as she was getting along with her writing when I saw her, she should be pretty good at it by now, unless she is just lazy. Is she?

I wish I thought there is a chance I'll be out there soon, but there now seems like little. My book on the King/Ray case will be coming out next year. It is edited down from both parts of COUP (of which you saw but the first half, almost all eliminated). Unless there is enough p.r. money to send me around, or speaking engagements for which I'll be paid (no more freebees, for I can't afford it), I don't expect to be in California in the near future.

And, although I sometimes think I am getting little done, when I'm home I do work, nibble away at the enormous amount to be done.

Anything new out there?

If you have a little time, Paul Hoch has something to be done, a list of materials he got from the National Archives that needs retyping. Can you do it? It is about 18 pages as now typed. His handwriting, if he has corrected it, is legible. I've suggested that he ask you. I know and he'll undertake it is possible that you do not have the time. But it could be very helpful to the few of us still working if this could be done for him. What time he doesn't have to spend on working or studying he spends on this work, and with his excellent knowledge, the last thing he should be doing is typing. Fact is, if he has to do this typing, I think it would not get done.

In the event you can do this, you should regard the list as confidential and not give anyone copies. He'll make whatever distribution he wants. There are those who, unfortunately, are not always responsible and sometimes they make premature use of the work of others, thus cutting off all investigative possibilities.

Give Jamie a hug just for me, tell her I hope she is growing in every way, not just taller, that she is getting all the pleasure one can from school (which should not be just like work and isn't if the student has the correct attitude toward it), and that maybe some day I'll see her again. Very best to you both. And thanks for remembering.